## East Mountain Trails and Bikeways Master Plan

Goals and Objectives of the Trails and Bikeways System

Agree	Disagree	Goals and Objectives
		1. Create an interconnected system of multi-use trails and bikeways in the East Mountain Area of Bernalillo County.
		<ul> <li>Provide local trail/bikeway connections between residential communities and civic and commercial activity centers such as schools, post offices, stores and restaurants.</li> </ul>
		Link public open spaces and parks by trails/bikeways.
		Provide trail/bikeway connections to trail systems maintained by other government or private entities.
		<ul> <li>Develop loop trails or bikeways that provide a north-south corridor across the area and that connect Albuquerque to the East Mountain Area.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Identify regional trail and bikeways connections (ie., to Golden, Madrid and Santa Fe)</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Use a range of options such as bike lanes, ASHTO shoulders, paved and soft-surface off-road trails to complete trail connections.</li> </ul>
		Remove obstacles or improve difficult crossings in currently used trails/bikeways.
		<ul> <li>Make use of public rights-of-way, such as arroyos, utility easements, abandoned railways and roadways, to create the trail system.</li> </ul>
		• Explore option with private land owners for possible trail lings, e.g. conservation easement, fee simple purchase, but no condemnation.
		Use existing infrastructure and trails whenever feasible.
		<ul> <li>Provide trailhead parking and staging areas for the trails and bikeways system.</li> </ul>
		Develop concept of regional trails park that includes City, County and U.S. Forest Service lands.
		• Other:
		• Other:
		<ol> <li>Accommodate the full range of users within the trail and roadway system (although not necessarily on every trail): pedestrians and hikers, cyclists (both mountain and touring), runners, equestrians, motor bikes, all-terrain and other off-highway vehicles, and the physically challenged, when feasible.</li> </ol>
		<ul> <li>Investigate and balance the needs and desires of current and future users in working to maximize the safe use and enjoyment of the trails and bikeways system.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Address user conflicts, particularly motorized and non-motorized uses, through trail design and other strategies.</li> </ul>
		Incorporate research on projected trends in trail use.
		<ul> <li>Make trails handicap accessible when feasible and develop criteria for identifying which trails will accommodate the physically challenged.</li> </ul>
		• Other:
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		3. Identify appropriate design standards for the East Mountain trails and bikeways system.
		Design trails to ensure the safety of users.
		✓ Separate trails for use by children from the roadway as much as feasible.
		Make provisions for wildlife crossings and conservation of wildlife habitat when locating trail routes.
		Minimize the trails and bikeways system's impact on the environment.
		Ensure that trail and bikeway uses are compatible with adjacent neighborhoods.
		Minimize trail and bikeway maintenance requirements.
		Provide for handicap accessibility to the trails and bikeways system.
		• Recommend strategies to encourage respect and courtesy among various users, such as driver/bicyclist awareness that includes "Share the Road" signs.
		Address issues of utility line clearance in locating and designing trails.
		Address line-of-site and visibility issues in locating and designing trails.
		<ul> <li>Clearly designate trail crossings where they cross road intersections and make other improvements where necessary.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Partner with Talking Talons, the East Mountain Historical Society, and other organizations to identify locations for educational and interpretive activities along the trails and bikeways system. Coordinate county programs with these efforts.</li> </ul>
		• Other:
		Other:
		4. Develop an implementation strategy for the trails and bikeways master plan.
		Assign responsibility for plan implementation.
		Acquire land or easements that will be needed for parking and staging areas
		Contact identified public and private entities to secure permission to use staging areas or trailheads.
		Provide appropriate signage along routes and at trailheads.
		<ul> <li>Work with other governmental agencies—local, state, and federal—to coordinate planning efforts and the development and signage of new trail facilities.</li> <li>✓ US Forest Service, County and City Open Space, State Game and Fish.</li> </ul>
		Set priorities for which trail segments are to be developed first.
		<ul> <li>Consider potential opportunities for private development to contribute needed rights-of-way and assist in trail development.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Identify a variety of possible funding sources to develop trails and bikeways.</li> </ul>
		<ul> <li>Form partnerships with non-governmental organizations, such as Talking Talons and the East Mountain Historical Society, to help create trails and provide interpretive and educational information.</li> </ul>
		• Other:
		• Other:







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		5. Maintain and manage trails and bikeways facilities to keep them in good working order.
		Assign responsibilities for maintaining trails and bikeways during the planning and design process.
		Identify potential sources and seek funding for maintenance.
		<ul> <li>Recommend strategies to prevent destruction of trails and bikeways.</li> </ul>
		Implement a trails stewardship program to help maintain trails and bikeways.
		<ul> <li>Form partnerships with other organizations that may be interested in helping maintain trails and bikeways and promoting responsible use, such as user groups.</li> </ul>
		• Other:
		• Other:
		6. Publicize the trails and bikeways system to potential users and as a County attraction.
		Develop and make available in public places maps of the trails and bikeways system.
		Develop appropriate signage.
		Work with user groups to publicize the trails and bikeways system and promote responsible use.
		Develop concept of regional trails park that includes City, County and U.S. Forest Service lands.
		• Other:
		Other:







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